



How to Love the Prophet

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Allah the Most Exalted



صلى الله عليه وسلم | Sallālāhu Alayhi Wa Sallam

Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him



رضي الله عنه | RadiAllahu `anhu

May Allah be pleased with him



رحمه الله | Rahimahullah

May Allah have mercy upon him

Loving the Prophet ﷺ

Chapter One



MUHAMMAD

PEACE AND BLESSINGS BE UPON HIM

The Messenger ﷺ conveyed a message to us from Allāh – the Lord of the universe. The Messenger ﷺ was commanded to pass this message to all of mankind. In this message, Allāh instructed the creation to worship Him ﷺ alone and not to associate any partners with Him. Also, Allāh ﷺ instructed us to worship Him as the Prophet ﷺ did.

Allāh ﷺ says:

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ

“Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example”¹

We have been instructed to follow the Prophet ﷺ in that which he did and said.

Ibn Kathīr ﷺ said:

هَذِهِ الْآيَةُ الْكَرِيمَةُ أَصْلُ كَبِيرٍ فِي التَّأْسِي بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
فِي أَقْوَالِهِ وَأَفْعَالِهِ وَأَحْوَالِهِ ; وَلَهُذَا أَمْرَ النَّاسِ بِالتَّأْسِي بِالنَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ²

“This blessed verse is a great foundation regarding the following of Allāh’s Messenger in his speech, actions and situations, because of this the people were commanded to follow the Prophet.”²

¹Surah Al-Ahzāb: 21

²Tafsīr Ibn Kathīr

Definition of Loving the Prophet

وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Chapter Two

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WHAT IS INTENDED BY
LOVING THE PROPHET ﷺ
IS THAT THE BELIEVER'S HEART
LEANS TOWARDS LOVING THE
PROPHET ﷺ OVER ANYONE
OTHER THAN HIM, EVEN OVER
ONE'S SELF.

This leads a person to thinking about him, wanting to be like him, studying his speech and actions, and hating that which he used to hate. When that enters and settles in one heart; then they have come with loving the Prophet ﷺ.

Ibn al-Qayyim رحمه الله said:

، كانت محبة الرسول من أَجَلٍ وأرفع أعمال القلوب
"وأصلٌ عظيمٌ يتوقف على وجوده كمال الإيمان"

LOVING THE PROPHET ﷺ
IS ONE OF THE GREATEST AND
HIGHEST ACTIONS OF THE HEARTS,
AND IT IS ONE OF THE GREATEST
FOUNDATIONS FOR THE PRESENCE
OF COMPLETE IMAN.

”

Ruling of Loving the Prophet

وَاللَّهُ أَوْسَعُ
صَرَاطَ عَلَيْهِمْ

Chapter Three

LOVING THE PROPHET ﷺ

IS OBLIGATORY UPON EVERY MUSLIM.

There are many proofs from the Qur'an and Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ that it is obligatory upon everyone to love the Prophet ﷺ.

From them are the following:

Allāh ﷺ says:

﴿قُلْ إِنَّ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالُ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِنُ تَرْضُوْنَهَا أَحَبُّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجَهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهِدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ﴾

01

“Say, 'O Prophet': If your parents and children and siblings and spouses and extended family and the wealth you have acquired and the trade you fear will decline and the homes you cherish—if all these are more beloved to you than Allah and His Messenger and struggling in His Way, then wait until Allah brings about His Will. Allah does not guide the rebellious people.”²

Allāh ﷺ would not warn us of this punishment except if it is due to leaving an obligatory matter or committing an impermissible matter. This shows that loving the Messenger ﷺ is obligatory upon every Muslim.

Also, Allāh ﷺ says:

﴿الَّذِي أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ﴾

“The Prophet has a stronger affinity to the believers than they do themselves.”³ 02

The verse means that the Prophet ﷺ is more beloved to the believers than their own selves. They place the Prophet ﷺ before themselves, their families, their children and offspring. This is because it is to truly surrender, obey, submit, and show humility.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

“لَا يُؤْمِنُ أَحَدُكُمْ حَتَّىٰ أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ وَالِدِهِ وَوَلَدِهِ وَالنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ”

“None of you [truly] believe until I become more beloved to them than his father, his children and all mankind”⁴

This shows that an individual's īmān is connected to loving the Prophet ﷺ.

² Surah At Tawbah 24

³ Surah Al-Ahzāb: 6

⁴ Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 15

It has been narrated on the authority of 'Abdillāh Ibn Hishām ﷺ that he said:

"كُنَّا مَعَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَهُوَ آخِذُ بِيَدِ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ فَقَالَ لَهُ عُمَرُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ لَأَنْتَ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ إِلَّا مِنْ نَفْسِي. فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: لَا وَاللَّهِ يَنْهَا نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ حَتَّى أَكُونَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ نَفْسِكَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ عُمَرُ فَإِنَّهُ الْأَنَّ وَاللَّهِ لَأَنْتَ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ نَفْسِي. فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: الْأَنَّ يَا عُمَرُ"

"We were with the Prophet ﷺ and he was holding the hand of 'Umar bin al-Khattab. 'Umar said to Him: O Allah's Messenger ﷺ! You are dearer to me than everything except my own self. The Prophet ﷺ said, "No, by Him in Whose Hand my soul is, [you will not have complete faith] till I am dearer to you than your own self. Then 'Umar said to him: However, now, by Allah, you are dearer to me than my own self. The Prophet ﷺ said:

Now, O 'Umar [you have complete faith]."⁵

If we want our īmān to be complete; we have to love the Messenger ﷺ more than ourselves.

Manifestations of Loving the Prophet ﷺ

Chapter Four

⁵ Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 6632

1 Obeying and Following the Prophet ﷺ

This means that one follows the Prophet ﷺ in everything which he commanded one to do and to stay away from.

If the Prophet ﷺ command shows obligation, then one performs it believing it is obligatory. If what he prohibited one from is impermissible, then one stays away from it, believing it is prohibited. This is in speech, action or belief. Some of his commands and prohibitions did not show obligation and prohibition, rather, recommendation and dislike. One tries their best to perform that which is recommended and stay away from that which is disliked.

Ruling of Obeying the Prophet ﷺ

There are many evidences which show that it is obligatory to obey the Prophet ﷺ. From them are:

Allāh ﷺ says:

﴿يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا تَغْلُوا فِي دِينِكُمْ وَلَا تَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْحَقُّ إِنَّمَا الْمَسِيحُ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَكَلِمَتُهُ أَلْقَاهَا إِلَى مَرْيَمَ وَرُوحٌ مِّنْهُ فَأَمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ﴾

1 **O People of the Book! Do not go to extremes regarding your faith; say nothing about Allah except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, was no more than a messenger of Allah and the fulfillment of His Word through Mary and a spirit 'created by a command' from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers.**

Surah An-Nisā: 171

Allāh ﷺ commanded us to believe in the Messengers. This means to believe in that which they conveyed; performing what they commanded and staying away from that which they prohibited.

Also, Allāh ﷺ says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَالْكِتَابِ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ﴾

2 **O believers! Have faith in Allah, His Messenger, the Book He has revealed to His Messenger, and the Scriptures He revealed.**

Surah An-Nisā: 136

﴿قُلْ أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ إِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْكَافِرِينَ﴾

3 **Say, 'O Prophet': Obey Allah and His Messenger. If they still turn away, then truly Allah does not like the disbelievers.**

Surah An-Nisā: 136

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولَئِكَ الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ﴾

4 **O believers! Obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you.**

Surah An-Nisā: 59

3 Manifestations of Obeying the Prophet ﷺ

From the manifestations of obeying the Prophet ﷺ are:

1

Taking him as a role model and striving to perform the supererogatory acts like Al-Witr, Ad-Duhā, and Ar-Rawātib.

2

Striving to earn and look for that which is permissible in all of one's affairs.

3

Helping and showing excellence towards the poor and needy.

Importance of Obeying the Prophet ﷺ

4

Allāh ﷺ commanded us to obey the Prophet and the Messengers, wherein He ﷺ said:

﴿وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا لِيُطَاعَ يَأْذِنِ اللَّهُ﴾

“We only sent messengers to be obeyed by Allah’s Will.”

Surah An-Nisā: 64

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They have been commanded to be followed because they are infallible.

Also, it shows that the slaves loves Allāh ﷺ, as Allāh ﷺ said:

﴿قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحِبِّنِي اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرُ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ﴾

Say, ‘O Prophet’: If you ‘sincerely’ love Allah, then follow me; Allah will love you and forgive your sins. For Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Surah Āl-‘Imrān: 31

When one follows the Prophet ﷺ then this is a sign that they love Allāh ﷺ.

Furthermore, obeying the Prophet ﷺ is a means to attain safety from the punishment of Allāh ﷺ. As Allāh ﷺ said:

﴿فَلَيَحْذِرَ الَّذِينَ يُخَالِفُونَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ أَنْ تُصِيبَهُمْ فِتْنَةٌ أَوْ يُصِيبَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ﴾

So let those who disobey his orders beware, for an affliction may befall them, or a painful torment may overtake them.

Surah An-Nūr: 63

Obeying the Prophet ﷺ is connected to obeying Allāh ﷺ. As Allāh ﷺ said:

﴿مَنْ يُطِعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ﴾

Whoever obeys the Messenger has truly obeyed Allah.

Surah An-Nisā: 80

Also, Allāh ﷺ informed us that everything the Messenger ﷺ said is a revelation from Allāh. As Allāh ﷺ said:

﴿وَمَا يَنْطَقُ عَنِ الْهَوَىٰ - إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا وَحْيٌ يُوحَىٰ﴾

Nor does he speak of his own whims. It is only a revelation sent down to him.

Surah An-Najm: 4

5 Honouring and Respecting the Prophet ﷺ

1

That a Muslim believes that his Sunnah is the best of ways, therefore, the Muslim loves it and follows it; internally and externally.

2

Sending salutations upon the Prophet ﷺ

Allāh ﷺ said:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلِّوْنَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوْا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيْمًا﴾

“Indeed, Allah showers His blessings upon the Prophet, and His angels pray for him. O believers! Invoke Allah’s blessings upon him, and salute him with worthy greetings of peace.”

Surah Al-Ahzāb: 56

We were commanded to send salutations upon the Prophet ﷺ.

The Prophet ﷺ said:

﴿رَغِمَ أَنْفُ رَجُلٍ ذُكِرْتُ عِنْدَهُ فَلَمْ يُصَلِّ عَلَيَّ﴾

“May the man before whom I am mentioned - and he does not send Salat upon me - be humiliated.”

Jāmi’ At-Tirmidhī 3545

3

To give victory to the Prophet and defend his Sunnah.

Allāh ﷺ said:

﴿لِلْفُقَرَاءِ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ الَّذِينَ أُخْرَجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ وَأَمْوَالِهِمْ يَتَّغُونَ فَضْلًا مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانًا وَيَنْصُرُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ﴾

“Some of the gains will be for poor emigrants who were driven out of their homes and wealth, seeking Allah’s bounty and pleasure, & standing up for Allah and His Messenger. They are the ones true in faith.”

Surah Al-Hashr: 8

In this verse, Allāh mentions that the Companions defended Allāh and the Messenger ﷺ. This is one of the greatest actions of truthfulness.

It is **obligatory** to **defend** the Prophet ﷺ.

Allāh ﷺ said:

﴿إِنَّا كَفَيْنَاكَ الْمُسْتَهْزِئِينَ﴾

“Surely We will be sufficient for you against the mockers”

Surah Al-Hijr: 95

The Prophet ﷺ was critiqued and slandered.

Allāh ﷺ said:

﴿وَمَا صَاحِبُكُمْ بِمَجْنُونٍ﴾

“And your fellow man [i.e. Muhammad] is not insane.”

Surah At-Tawhīd: 22

Allāh ﷺ informed us regarding the consequence of those who insult the Prophet ﷺ.

Allāh ﷺ said:

إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ الْأَبْتَرُ

“Only the one who hates you is truly cut off”

Surah Al-Kawthar: 3

Ways to Defend the Prophet ﷺ

5

- 01 Holding on to that which has reached us from him.
- 02 Loving him more than ourselves, our children, our family and our wealth.
- 03 Venerating the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ, and defending it from any distortion.
- 04 Making apparent the beautiful reality of our Messenger ﷺ.

Nurturing Love for the Prophet ﷺ

Chapter Five

From the ways of nurturing love for the Prophet ﷺ are:

1

> **Knowing the status and position of the Prophet ﷺ.**
The Prophet ﷺ was chosen by Allāh over all of creation and purified him.

2

> **Knowing that following his Sunnah and guidance; then it is a means from the means of attaining Paradise.**

3

> **Remember the mercy, kindness and gentleness of the Prophet ﷺ. Also, the intercession of the Prophet ﷺ.**

The Prophet ﷺ said:

"لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ دَعْوَةٌ مُسْتَجَابَةٌ يَدْعُو بِهَا، وَأَرِيدُ أَنْ أَخْتَبِئَ دَعْوَيِ شَفَاعَةً لِأَمْمِي فِي الْآخِرَةِ"

"For every prophet there is one accepted invocation which they invoke for, and I want to keep such an invocation for interceding for my followers in the Hereafter."

Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 6304

Fruits of Loving the Prophet ﷺ

Chapter Six

There are many benefits of loving the Prophet ﷺ, from them are:

1 GOOD LIFE

Allāh ﷺ said:

﴿مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَى وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحِلَّنَّهُ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً﴾

**“Whoever does good, whether male or female, and is a believer,
We will surely bless them with a good life”**

Surah An-Nahl: 97

2 ESTABLISH STEADFASTNESS

3 ATTAIN CLOSENESS TO THE PROPHET ﷺ IN PARADISE

It has been narrated on the authority of Anas Ibn Mālik ﷺ that he ﷺ said:

“أَنَّ رَجُلًا سَأَلَ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَتَى السَّاعَةُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ: مَا أَعْدَدْتَ لَهَا. قَالَ مَا أَعْدَدْتُ لَهَا مِنْ كَثِيرٍ صَلَاةً وَلَا صَوْمً وَلَا صَدَقَةً، وَلَكِنِّي أُحِبُّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ. قَالَ: أَنْتَ مَعَ مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ”

“A man asked the Prophet ﷺ:

When will the Hour be established O Allah's Messenger ﷺ ?

The Prophet ﷺ said: What have you prepared for it? The man said: I haven't prepared for it much of prayers or fast or alms, but I love Allah and His Apostle. The Prophet ﷺ said: You will be with those whom you love.”

Sahīh al-Bukhārī 6171



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